

By the Lord Deputie and Councell.

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OLIVER S^r JOHN.



Whereas the Kings most excellent Maiestie by his Highnesse Letters Patents vnder the great Seale of this Kingdome, did graunt to Iohn Franckton the office of Printer generall to his Maiestie within this Realme of Ireland, together with full, sole and whole power and authority to Imprint all and all maner of Bookes, Statutes, Grammers, Almanackes, Acts of Parliament, Proclamations, Intunctions, Bibles and bookes of the New Testament, and all other bookes whatsoeuer, aswell in the English tongue as the Irish, or in any other language whatsoeuer, with all commodities and aduantages, emoluments and priuiledges to the said Office belonging or appertayning: And thereby also of his Princely authoritie did prohibite, forbid, and inhibit all and singular other his highnesse subiects of what nation soeuer, and all others other then the said Iohn his assignes and deputies, to imprint, bynde, set forth, offer to sale, or sell, or cause to be imprinted, bound, set forth, offered to sale, or be sold within this Kingdome of Ireland, any bookes, volumes, Statutes, Proclamations, Almanackes, or other bookes printed or to be printed without his or their special licence, vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne shillings Irish for every such booke, volume, or other thing, And vpon paine of forfeiture, confiscation and losing of such bookes, volumes, and

things whatsoeuer to his and their proper vse and vles, as in and by the said Letters Patents moze at large appeareth. Which Letters Patents, and the whole benefit thereof is since by his Maiestie conferred and confirmed vnto and vpon Felix Kingston and Thomas Downes citizens and Stationers of London, Assignes and Patentees for and on the behalfe of the Companie of Stationers of the said Citie, to the intent this Kingdome might be supplied with all manner of lawfull bookes, and at moze easie rates then formerly hath or could be perfozmed, which hath hitherto happly beene begun, to the great and extraoꝛdinarie expence and charge of the said Companie, and generall good of this Kingdome.

And forasmuch as (the premisses notwithstanding) we are informed that diuerse and sundry persons doe daily bring into this Kingdome, as well out of England as other soꝛeine parts, both lawfull and vnlawfull bookes, and other matters incident to their Trade, and here vent and sell the same in corners (to the great discouragement, losse and hinderance of the said Companie) and being taken with the manner, vse to alleage and pretend ignorance of his Maiesties said Graunt to them in that behalfe. For preuention whereof for the future, and to take away all such impertinent excuses hereafter to be made by any such delinquentes, we haue thought fit by these presents to publish, proclaime and declare aswell the contents of his Maiesties said Graunt, as also our further pleasure therein, And doe therefore hereby straightly prohibite & forbid all and euery person and persons whatsoeuer aswell subiects as straungers to bring, offer to sale or sell, or cause to be brought, offered to sale or sold in or into this Kingdome any such bookes, volumes, or other things as aforesaid, vpon the paines contained in the said Letters patents, and such further punishment for their open contempt as we shall thinke fit to inflict vpon such wilfull offendours.

And wee further hereby straightly charge and commaund all Mayors, Iustices of Peace, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, and all other his maiesties officers, ministers, and louing subiects to whom it doth or shall appertaine, That you and euery of you (vpon notice to be giuen to you or any of you by the said Companie, or their Agents, Factors or seruants in this Kingdome of any the premisses) doe diligently enquire of, appzehend and take, aswell within liberties as without, all and euery such person and persons as shall at any time hereafter eyther bring or cause to be brought into this Realme, or offer to sale, sell or cause to be sold therein, any of the bookes or other things aboue specified, And all and euery such person and persons as you or any of you shall appzehend and take as aforesaid, to commit to prison, there to remaine without baile or mainprise butill they and euery of them shall haue fully payed & satisfied to the said Companie, their Agents, Factors or seruants the said penaltie or paine of tenne shillings Irish for euery of the said bookes and other things so brought into this Kingdome, or offered to sale, sold or caused to be sold therein, and shall be further censured for their contempt as we shall thinke fit. And that you likewise make stay and seisure of all such bookes, volumes, and other things so forfeited and confiscated as aforesaid, to and for the vse of the said Companie. And to the end that all men may take due notice of his Maiesties said pleasure in the said Graunt and of these presents, wee doe further require you the said Mayors, Iustices of Peace, Sheriffes, and other his Maiesties officers, with all conuenient speed to publish the same in all Markets, Fayres, and other publique meetings and assemblies within your seuerall iurisdiccions: Of all which you and euery of you may not faile as you will answere the contrary at your perill. Given at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin the fifteenth day of Iuly. 1620.

Adam Loftus Canc:

Brabazon.

Gar: Moore.

Charles Wilmot.

Arthur Sauage.

Henry Docwra.

Geo: Shurley.

Dominick Sarsfield.

Bleuer Hayset.

Francis Aungier.

Iohn King.

Fr: Annesley.

God saue the King.

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most excellent Majestie. *Ann Domini. cIo. Io. c.xx.*